

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph before the first paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/539,724 filed January 28, 2004, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The invention herein is related to the field of automated processing of audio signal and more specifically to the field of dynamic range compression/expansion of audio signals.